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TWO SECTIONS — SECTION ONE



LEAVES FOR WEST COAST VACATION. Mrs. Prudence Hethington, prominent member of the community's civic and social sets, who left Sunday night for Los Angeles, where she will vacation as guest of her brother, Dr. Herbert Sheen, well known Angel city physician and surgeon. Mrs. Hethington manages the postal station in Porter's drug store at 35th and State sts.

RECORD CROWD TO SEE WILBERFORCE-TUSKEGEE BATTLE

It will be speed versus brawn when Tuskegee clashes with Wilberforce at Comiskey Park tonight before the largest crowd ever to witness the 17-year-old classic. Tuskegee is expected to throw a fast, light team against heavy steamroller from Wilberforce in what the records indicate will be a high-scoring battle.

promise of a gridiron fight of quality that raged at Comiskey Park before the war has resulted in unprecedented interest throughout the nation.

Booksmen from both schools and that advance ticket sales have been heavier than in any previous year. Large delegations from major middle west cities are expected to swell the total to 22,000 by kick-off time at 8:30 p.m.

The Golden Tigers from Tuskegee shape up this year as a speedy, scoring outfit that has racked 69 points in routing its first opponents. Their goal line crossed only once this year.

Noted "playing under the wire," the Tigers romped over Benning, 56 to 0, Philander 59 to 0, Grambling, 21 to 0, Clark, 33 to 0.

In the Green Wave, however, the charges of Coach Cleve Abbott will run up against a team that will out weigh them an average of 12 pounds per man in the starting line-up.

The heavier Wilberforce eleven has just as impressive a scoring record in beating Rio Grande 45 to 0, Lockbourne Army Air Base, 71 to 0 and a strong Florida A. & M., 22 to 14.

Center of interest in the Tiger backfield will be a 132-pound half-back, Otis Head, a speedy break-away runner. He will be supported by Whitney Van Cleve, driving fullback, and Robert Moore, passing quarterback.

Wilberforce has a quartet of classy backs in Freddie Hall, quarterback, William Shields and Benjamin Waterman, half back, and Edward Tipton, fullback.

The determining factor in the game is likely to be the weight of the two teams and reserve strength. Coach "Country" Lewis

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Police Drama In Four Acts

Here is a police drama as recorded on four pages of Stanton station accident reports.

Act I: Mrs. Dorothy Smith, 35, 6108 Rhodes av., suffered the following injuries at 3734 Vincennes av. Sunday night: left eye bruised, lower part of back bruised, left side of chest bruised.

She explained: "While leaving my sister-in-law's home I was attacked by Scott from the back which caused the above injuries."

Act II: Aldrich Scott, 36, 3734 Vincennes, was taken from the Stanton station lock-up to Bridewell hospital with possible fracture of rib and laceration of scalp.

The record explains: "While placing Scott in lock-up he refused and attacked Officer Brown and in the altercation he struck his side and head against a cell wall."

Act III: Joseph Brown, 57, police officer who lives at 6225 S. Throop, was treated at Michael Reese hospital for three lacerations on the head.

Explanation: "While lock-up keeper was questioning prisoner (Scott), prisoner picked up lock-up keeper keys and assaulted Officer Brown causing above injuries."

Act IV: Tevell Holmes, 29, police officer, 5830 Indiana, received a one-inch laceration of middle finger of left hand for which he was treated at Michael Reese hospital.

Explanation: "While helping to assist Officer Brown in subduing a prisoner (Scott) was struck on left hand causing above injuries."



AIDS DRIVE. Atty. Cyrus Colter, well known young barrister and former captain in the famed 92nd Division will head the Veterans Division of the 1946 Wabash YMCA membership drive.

MAID SUES FORMER EMPLOYERS

A five-year-old theft charge lodged by a white LaGrange couple against their Negro maid boomeranged last week in Superior Court.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Polinka, of 162 Malden ave., LaGrange, found themselves on the wrong end of a damage suit for \$5,000.

The suit was entered by Miss Ida Mae Smith, 21, through her attorney, Claude Holman, of the law firm of Ellis and Westbrook.

Miss Smith charges that in 1941 the Polinkas accused her of stealing a \$500 ring, forced her from their home to a police station and made formal charges of theft, but later failed to appear in court to prosecute.

Dining Car Men Victors In Wage Tilt

LOS ANGELES—(Pacific Press Syndicate)—In a verdict hailed all labor circles as one of the most significant ever handed down regarding West coast dining car workers, the Southern Pacific company has been ordered to pay an award involving between \$500,000 and \$750,000 to members of the West Coast Dining Car Union.

The award was confirmed by the U. S. District court of Northern California.

The company has been given 20 days in which to determine the amount coming to each of its employees, with the back pay due to be distributed the latter part of this week.

The Joint Council of Dining Car Employees, locals 456 and 582, AFL, and Bertram Hicks brought charges against the Southern Pacific for asserted illegal meal and lodging deductions since 1941.

The verdict was rendered by Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman. Possibilities that the company may appeal the case are considered remote.

DEMAND POLICE OFFICER'S REINSTATEMENT

Princeton Park and Morgan Park residents joined forces this week with prominent South Siders in demanding the immediate reinstatement of a well-known temporary police officer who was discharged from the force on false robbery charges.

The officer is Joseph Sharpe, 30, 360 W. 94th pl., former star college athlete and worker with juvenile delinquents, who was last week completely exonerated of robbery charges by a grand jury.

Leading the officer's fight for restoration to duty are the Rev. Joseph Evans of the Metropolitan Community church and the Rev. Richard Keller of Beth Eden Baptist church in Morgan Park.

Community Groups Interested
The Rev. Evans reportedly has appealed to Police Commissioner Prendergast in behalf of the officer.

Other groups joining in the fight are the Kelly, Nash Booster club of Princeton Park, the Lilydale Improvement Club and the Morgan Park Community club.

Sharpe was completely cleared of the robbery charge last Friday when a grand jury returned a no bill. Previously Judge Joseph B. Hermes in Felony Court has dismissed charges against the former policeman on grounds of insufficient evidence.

The defendant was represented by Major Euclid Louis Taylor, prominent member of the law firm of Prescott, Burroughs and Taylor.

Sharpe was discharged from the force July 22 after he was falsely identified as one of four men who robbed Broadway Arington of \$3000 at his home at 3632 Dearborn st.

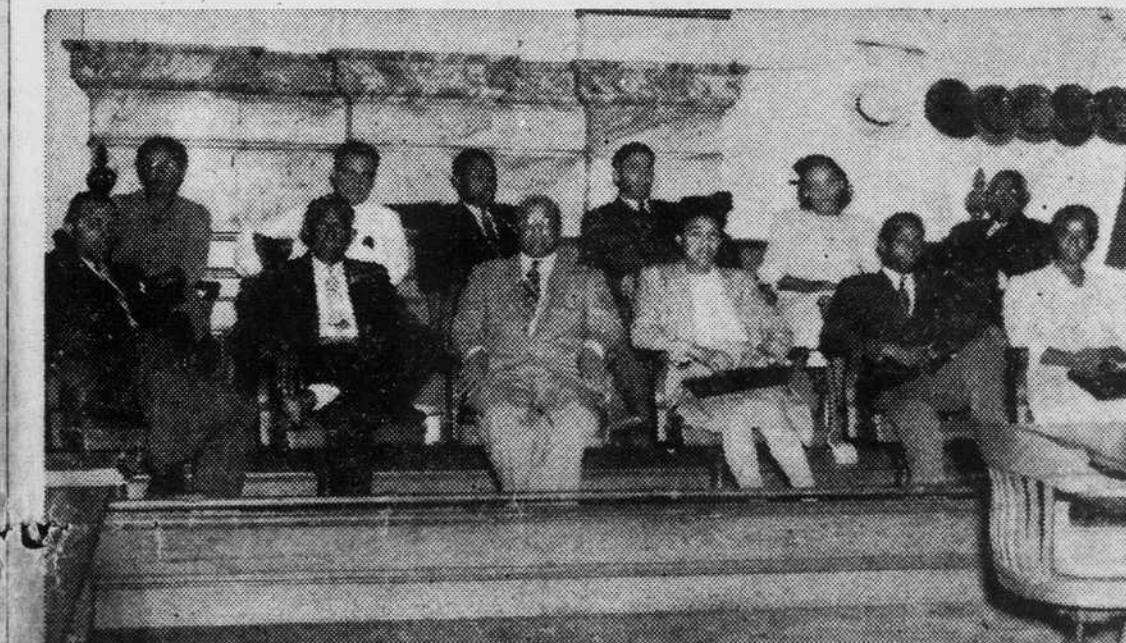
Admits False Testimony
The officer was arrested on the identification of Mrs. Arington. Under cross examination in Felony Court by Major Taylor, Mrs.

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PLAN APPEAL FOR 2 RIOT TRIAL VICTIMS

WIN \$750,000 R. R. SUIT

SENTENCE SET AT 21 YEARS



INDIANA'S FIRST ALL NEGRO JURY. Twelve Negro jurors of Evansville, Ind., who recently acquitted a Negro woman, Mrs. Alfreda Rooney, for stabbing her husband to death. The manslaughter trial was held in the circuit courtroom of Judge Nat H. Youngblood and marked the first time an All-Negro jury had served in Indiana. Back row, left to right, Minnie Gracy, Maurice Anderson, Solomon Stevenson, Robert Arnett, Anna Hildreth and E. S. Higgins. Front row, Adolph D. Cooper, George Clements, Charles Brown, Sarah Emage, Booker Polley and Jesse B. Bynum.

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn. — Immediate appeals for two riot trial defendants facing 21-year sentences were planned Friday by defense attorneys following the exoneration of 23 defendants by an all-white jury.

Defense attorneys stated that they would carry the cases to the Tennessee Supreme Court and, if necessary, to the United States Supreme Court.

The convicted defendants are Robert Gentry and John McKivens, who were charged long with 23 others of assault with intent to kill and accessory before the fact in the shooting last Feb. 25 of Will Wilsford, a policeman, during racial disturbances at Columbia.

An all-white jury, including seven farmers, was out one hour and 53 minutes before returning a verdict of guilty against Gentry and McKivens and freeing the 23 other defendants.

The verdict came as a surprise to everyone in the court room, including Judge Joe Ingram and Paul Bumpus, circuit district attorney. The judge had made every effort to throttle the defense and to misrepresent their case to the jury. Bumpus had attempted to make his case on the basis of race hate.

The two convicted men were the only ones to be connected in any way by testimony to the shooting of Wilsford.

Despite this, it was felt by all observers at the trial that all 25 defendants would be railroaded into prison as a punitive measure against the entire Negro community of Columbia for taking part in the rioting.

The handling of the case by the jury led by the following compliment by Maurice Weaver, white defense attorney from Chattanooga:

"The verdict was a victory for Americanism. The fact that two were convicted would only be an error of the mind of the jury in handling all the complicated facts. It was not an error of the heart."

The defense including besides (Continued on Page 2)

Vet Group Hits Housing Plight of Negro Ex-GI'S

Plans for bringing before the nation the "scandalous" housing situation facing Negro veterans were made last week by the national council of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, meeting in Chicago.

The vet group will soon launch a nation-wide drive against "widespread discrimination against Negro veterans seeking homes in which to live."

The council termed the problem facing Negro veterans "a scandalous housing situation without parallel in our nation's history."

National Commander Kenneth C. Kennedy of the vet group in a speech to the council attacked the "iniquitous discriminatory practices in the renting and selling of homes and real estate" as the opening gun in the drive.

The UNAVA council reaffirmed its support of the Wagner-Elender-Taft housing bill, but warned that special protective measures must also be enacted to safeguard the rights of Negroes and other minority groups.

The group also adopted strong statements condemning discriminatory practices in on-the-job training programs, supporting a federal bonus for veterans and commending Henry A. Wallace for his stand on foreign policy.

JAIL DEPUTY FOR BEATING NEGRO

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill.—Marion Booth, 53, former deputy sheriff of Madison county, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail last week after pleading guilty to a charge of beating a Negro prisoner while transporting him here from Alton two weeks ago.

Two other former deputies charged with Booth changed their pleas to guilty and will be tried later. They are Delmar Monken, Wood River, Ill., and Vernie Crider, Granite City.

HASTIE NAMES D. C. VET. POLICE CHIEF

ST. THOMAS, V. I.—Gov. William Hastie has appointed Dudley W. Stevenson of Washington, D. C., to the position of director of police of St. Thomas and St. John.

So. Side Sees End of Sewer Troubles

An end to much of the flooding of basements and streets that has troubled southside residents for so many years is now in sight.

Contracts were recently awarded by the Sanitary District of Chicago for construction of more than half of the intercepting sewer system.

The location of the new sewers begins at Pershing Road and Racine avenue and extends to 72nd street and Indiana avenue and to 74th street and Stony Island.

Each of these sewers will be 18 feet wide by 20 feet high and will be built in tunnels under the streets without disrupting traffic.

The first section placed under contract extends from Pershing Road and Racine avenue under the stockyards and southward to Garfield Blvd.

Because of the underground work very few people will ever be aware that such a large operation is being carried on right under their feet.

HINKY DINK SUCCEMBS

The death of Michael (Hinky Dink) Kenna early Wednesday morning closed the book on a colorful era in Chicago politics. Former alderman and boss of the first ward, the widely known old timer, was believed to have been 91 years old. First persons notified were George Cob, abrother in law, and Joseph Logan, a close friend for many years.

COVENANTS GET ANOTHER TEST

The legality of restrictive covenants will get another test in a state court Thursday when Superior Judge U. S. Schwartz rules on a motion to dismiss a suit seeking to evict a Negro family from their home.

The motion was made by Leon J. Smith, 50, a dining car waiter, in answer to a suit entered by neighbors seeking to evict his family from their home at 6633 Maryland ave. Neighbors contend that a 1939 covenant bars use of the block to Negroes.

In the last court terms, all three chancery judges sitting in Superior court ruled in favor of restrictive covenants by declining to dismiss suits upholding them.

The judges were Donald S. McKinlay, John P. McGorty and John J. Lupe.

Meet by Chance, Husband Kills Estranged Wife

Four stab wounds put to an end the efforts of a Gary husband to persuade his estranged wife to return home with him Monday afternoon, following a chance meeting of the couple that morning.

The victim was Mrs. Ollie Hill, 21, who was stabbed three times in the back and once in the left side of the chest by her husband, Edward, 38. She was pronounced dead upon admittance to Provident hospital.

The altercation occurred at the home of the wife's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Coleman, 658 E. 44th st., where she had lived for one of seven months she was separated from her husband. The couple was married a year and a half.

Hill, who lives at 1745 Maryland st., Gary, was held for manslaughter by a coroner's jury Tuesday morning.

In a statement to Wabash av. police, the husband told a story of an accidental encounter with his wife, a day spent together, and finally a jealous altercation when he suspected that his wife refused to return to him because

she was interested in another suitor.

Hill stated that he happened to run into his wife at about 7 a.m. Monday at 47th and Cottage Grove. Prior to this he did not know where she was living, he said. They spent the remainder of the morning together at a restaurant, a hotel and a theater.

Early in the afternoon, he said, he took his wife home and decided to return to Gary. At the 63rd st. bus station, he called his wife's home. Her cousin, Grace Yancey, 22, told him that his wife had gone to the Central Police station to visit another fellow in whom she was interested, the husband said.

Hill told police that he went to the station where he ascertained that a prisoner, Preston King, had received two visits from a woman he thought was his wife.

The husband then returned to his wife's home and attempted to persuade her to return to Gary with him at once.

In the ensuing argument his wife attacked him with an ice pick and stabbed him twice in the chest, Hill said. He retaliated with his pocket knife, he added.

The husband is held by police at Bridewell hospital.